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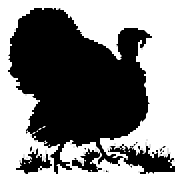
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on whole body hens and toms was fully steady to instances firm. No trading was reported. Inquiry has been centered on out front deliveries. Supplies are mixed, and held with confidence. Trading this week has remained slow as many players in the market have been attending a major poultry convention. Demand was light to moderate. The market tone remains mostly steady.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a light volume of thigh meat, balance light. Demand was moderate.

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FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	65	65.00	16	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 APRIL 2004.

Trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to instances weak on necks, steady to fully steady on drums, mostly steady with spot softness noted on full-cut wings and steady on 2-joint wings. Inquiry light to fair, however, offerings were limited due in part to sellers attending a major poultry convention. Trading slow on all items. Frozen thigh meat -7 months age traded at 88 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	93.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	155.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	85.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00-32.00		31.85	13
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	31.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	23
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00		46.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	42.00		42.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	78.00	40
NECKS, TOM		F	54.00	15
NECKS, HEN	52.00		52.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	178.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	190.00	254
THIGH MEAT	92.00		92.00	4
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	93.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		F	98.60	50
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	169.63	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	188.00	48
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	103.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		M	41.00	200

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.25		32.25	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	156
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	90.57	352

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	95-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	86-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	85-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-130

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 APRIL 2004.

The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to barely steady with some buyers noting increased offerings. Demand light for the adequate to fully adequate supplies. The market on the balance of white meat offerings was mostly steady for the light to adequate offerings. The market on fresh mechanically separated turkey steady with a few buyers noting offerings not as tight as previous weeks. Trading light on all items.

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DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	31.00	23
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00		47.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	42.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	78.00	40
NECKS, TOM	52.00		52.00	20
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BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	178.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	190.00	254
THIGH MEAT		T	92.00	4
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	93.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	108.00		108.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	98.60	50
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	169.63	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	188.00	48
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	103.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	38.00-41.00		40.17	240

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00		31.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	45.00		45.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	156
TAILS	34.00		34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00		90.00	208

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/28/04

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	17,176	253,882	253,882
2002-2003	2,142	370,572	370,872